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R 080906Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7471

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY ROME

UNCLAS COTONOU 1169

AFDROUGHT

ROME FOR FODAG

EO 11652: NA

SUBJ: COTONOU/PARKOU WEEKLY REPOT NO 15 JULY 27 TO AUG 2

REF A. STATE 180852 B. ABIDJAN 6407 C. BAMAKO 2876

D. NIAMEY 3085

1. SITUATION IN PORT OF COTONOU EVACUATED STOCK AS OF 4 AUG

TOTAL BY TRUCK

A. TOTAL RELIEF GOODS	531	75	4012
I. CANADIAN WHEAT FLOUR	0	0	891
II. CANADIAN SEMOLINA	21	0	150
III. AID SORGHUM MALI	194	75	2894
IV. FED MILK POWEDER	316	0	77

B. SOTAL ESSENTIAL COMMERCIAL FOODS

845	0	3812
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I. WHAT FLOUR	0	0	26
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II. SUGAR	43	0	723
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II. SALT 802 0 3063

C. AVERAGE RELIEF GOODS EVACUATED PER DAY 75.8 MT

D. GENERAL MERCHANDISE EVACUATED DURING REPORT PERIOD 563 MT

E. PERCENTAGE OF SUITABLE RAIL CARS DEVOTED TO ESSENTIAL
FOODSTUFFS 54.5 PERCENT

F. ARRIVALS DURING REPORTING PERIOD: NONE

2. PARAKOU SITUATION EVACUATED STOCK AS OF 2 AUG
JULY 27 TO
AUG 2

A. TOTAL GOODS 2620 2014

B. GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND ESSENTIAL
FOODSTUFFS 1538 583

C. RELIEF GOODS 1082 1429

3. DURING REPORTING PERIOD 21 MT OF SORGHUM WERE EVACATED
FOR MALI FROM PARAKOU IN ADDITION TO 75 MT EVACUATED BY 3
IVORIEAN TRUCKS FROM COTONOU DIRECTLY TO GAO. INITIALLY IT WAS
EXPECTED THAT 6 IVOREIAN TRUCKS WOULD MAKE RUN, BUT OCDN DIR
DO REGO STATES THREE DECIDED RETURN ABIDJAN ON BASIS OF WHAT
THEY HEARD OF CONDITION OF ROAD TO GAO. THE EXPERIENCE OF
THE 3 WHO WENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE IMPACT UPON WILLINGNESS
OF OTHER TRUCKERS TO UNDERTAKE ROUTE.

4. FURTHER TO REFS AND B SUCCESSFUL FUMIGATION OF 150 MT
STORED ON DOCK COTONOU CARRIED OUT JULY 31 THROUGH 4 AUG
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FROM AID OFFICE COTONOU AND AIBJDAN
AUTHORIZATION. INSECTICIDE USED WAS PHOSTOXIN, PELLET WHICH
TURNS INTO GAS UPON CONTACT WITH AIR. PHOSTOXIN IS IN-
SECTICIDE MOST COMMONLY USED IN FIELD FUMIGATIONS SINCE IT
IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO HANDLE AND PROVIDES MORE SUCCESSFUL
RESULTS THAN OTHER PELLET INSECTICIDES ACCORDING TO LOCAL WFP
DIR EYBAN. ALTERNATIVE TO USE OF PELLET IS TO INJECT GAS
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INTO STACKED BAGS UNDER TAPR. THIS PROCEDURE NORMALLY ONLY USED
BY LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS IN FUMIGATION CHAMBERS.
PORT OF COTONOU POSSESSES NEITHER FUMIGATION CHAMBERS NOR
SKILLED PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SOPHISTI-
CATED AND DIAGERSOU PROCEDURE. FLYING INSECTS INFESTING STACK
BELIEVED TO BE EPHESTIA CAUTELLA, ONE OF WIDE RANGE OF NOXIOUS
INSECTS AGAINST WHICH PHOSTOXIN EFFECTIVE.

5. DO REGO REPORTS PARAKOU/GAO ROAD COVERED WITH WATER IN SPOTS BUT MAINTAINS IT STILL PASSABLE, BRIDGE NEAR DOSSO APPARENTLY NOT REPAIRED DURING REPORTING PERIOD, BUT DETOUR ADDING APPROX 80 KM TO PARAKOU GAO ROUTE REPORTED AVAILABLE. PRLBEM REMAINS ONE OF FINDING SUFFICIENT NUMBER TRUCKERS WILLING TO MAKE RUN. RAISING RATES TO THOSE FOR WHICH ABIDJAN'S AUTHORIZATION WAS REQUESTED IN PREVIOUS WEEKLY REPORT WOULD HOPEFULLY ALEMIORATE SITUATION SOMEWHAT. SITUATION WOULD ALSO BE IMPROVED IF POOL OF AVAILABLE TRUCKS WERE EXPANDED. IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF FAURE AND OPVN TRUCKS AS SUGGEDED IN REFS WOULD HAVE THIS EFFECT. DO REGO FEELS INCREASED NUMBER TRUCKERS COMPETING FOR AVAILABLE BUSINESS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED SHIPMENTS FROM PARAKOU TO GAO.

6. WFP MONITOR STATES STOCK OF 891 MT CANADIAN WHEAT IN COTONOU SPOLIED AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF. IN FUTURE REPORTS, THIS ITEM WILL NOT APPEAR.
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